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In re application of:

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Examiner: PIANALTO, B.

Application No.: 08/761,336

Filed: December 10, 1996

Art Unit: 1762

For: RECORDING MEDIA HAVING
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL
AMORPHOUS CARBON AND
METHODS FOR THEIR
PRODUCTION

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1,
1997, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 10, 12, and 13, please add
38-48, and please cancel claims 5-7 and 17-37, as follows. All
claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1. (Amended) A method for producing magnetic
recording media, the method comprising:
forming a magnetic layer over a substrate;
supporting the substrate in a deposition chamber;
ionizing a source material in a plasma chamber so as to
form a plasma containing ions which comprise carbon; and

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